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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A flexible or elastic brachytherapy strand that includes an
imaging marker and/or a therapeutic, diagnostic or prophyl-
actic agent such as a drug in a biocompatible carrier that can
be delivered to a subject upon implantation into the subject
through the bore of a brachytherapy implantation needle has
been developed. Strands can be formed as chains or con-
tinuous arrays of seeds up to 50 centimeters or more, with
or without spacer material, flaccid, rigid, or flexible.